A declaration of such tempestious, and outragious Fluddes, as hath bẽn in diuers places of England.

1570. (5)

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To such as haue been touched with these Calamities of vvater, by the greate Fludde in this present yere 1570.

DAVID the Prophet, in the .107. Psalme, speakynge of the marueylous worke & wounders ỹ god doth by his power shew before the sonnes of men: stirreth vp the Godly to prayse and extoll his maiestie, and moueth the wicked and stubborn, to the feare and dreade of his horrible vengeance. He turneth (saith he) the Flouds into a wildernesse, and the springes of water into drie grounde, & a frutefull lande into barrennesse, for the wickednesse of them ỹ dwel therein. Psal.107. 33.

Which notable sentence, may be well considered, more aptly applied, but chiefly of vs well examined: waying how fearfully the Lorde hath bestowed vpon vs his, meruelous iudgements, in ỹ he hath turned many of our fruitful Fields

and Marshes, Pastures and Meadowes into vnmercifull Flouds and streames, vnlooked for, by changyng as he did in the olde worlde, the moderate course of the vpper Fountaines, which were ordayned to water the earth, and so to make it fruitfull, into immoderate, and vnseasonable Fluddes, which in steede of makyng fruitfull, hath made barren many places of the Earthe in this our countrie by destrucțiō of the Creatures, as Pastures, Corne, Cattell, Sheep, Neate, Horse, Beastes, Oxen, Kine, and such like, with some of ꝑ bodies of men, though not so generally, as in the first Floud, neither half so extremely, as our sinnes doo deserue, which crane not so light a scurge as moyste and coolynge plashes of water, but hot and burnynge flakes of Fyre and Brimstone, whiche for lesse offences God poured vpon Sodome & Gomorrah. The cause of which barrennesse (as Dauid saith) in this our fruitfull countrie, is our Wickednesse, whiche are the inhabitants of the same, as is to be approued by markynge the fruites, and operation of two kindes of

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people within this land: especially vpon whom these calamities haue faullen, to weete, the Riche and the Poore. As concerning the one, namely the Riche men, if euer the Prophet Esayes woe, Esay. 3. against them that ioygne house to house and lande to lande (till there be no more place left for the poore) coulde euer be applied it may be applies vnto them, whiche as Amos the Prophet saieth, are Amos. 4. the fat Kyne of Bason in the Mountaynes of Samaria, which oppresse ye poore and destroy the needy. To whom Abacuk saith, That their couetousnesse is an euill couetousnesse to their houses, whereby they seeke to set their neast on hie, and to escape from the power of euill. Thou hast (sayth the Prophet) conseled shame to thine owne house, and by destroying many people, and hast sinned against thine owne soule. For the Stone shall crie out of the wall, and the Beame out of the Timber shall answer it, as now the Seales of the Wax & Parchment of the Leases hath cried vengeance and destruction to the Leasemongers of England; and the conditions haue cried out

of the Leases, which haue been enhaūsed and rayſed, anſwerynge, woe worth ſuch couetous caytifs, as haue cauſed the care full cries of ſo many poore. Thou righteous God, plague theſe couetous Leasemongers, theſe grædy graſiers, which haue cōuerted the Tillage, of much erable ground, to the graſing of Sheep, and Northern Oxen, whereby they enriche them ſelues with the ruine and decay of thouſands, round about them. Thou God that ſæſt this their vnmerciful dealing, open the cloudes, water their paſtures ſowne with sheep, in ſteede of men and Corne of all graines, geue their flocks moyſture, that they may ſee them by thouſandes ſwim aboue the ground, and at the fall of the waters, to lie deade vpon their watred land. Which crie God hath heard, and this is the cauſe of ſuche ruin and deſtruction. The Riche are ſo welthie, that they are without Judgement, without mercy, and that hath cauſed their Heards to be waſted, their Flockes to be deminiſhed, their Granges made paſtureleſſe, with the pitifull ſtudies paſt, wherby much of their ſub-

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ſtance hath perished. For whose sakes also the Poore are made partakers of these greate losses. Those riche Landelordes, yet addynge to their troubles, whom the Lorde hath smitten, by exactyng still their outragious Rents, aswell for the halfe yere past, wherein these perils haue happned: as before, not considering ỳ the Lorde did it to plague them withall, because of their couetousnesse. God geue them repentance, before the Lorde be too to much sturred, and prouoked to anger, by their wickednesse: Least ỳ if these fauourable thretnynges be despised, the Just and righteous God, doo in steede of water, raygne downe Fier & Brimstone vpon them, and in stéede of the ouerflowing of their pastures, with watry streames: ouerflow the careleſſe consciẽces, with cruel flames of Hell fire, & euerlasting damnacion: and in stéede of the losse and wracke of sheep and cattell, Shipwrack and Landwracke, of bothe their bodies and soules, which all their rustie Golde and Siluer shal neuer be able to recouer agayne. And the Poore, God geue them

patience

patience to beare this the Lordes visi-
tation thankfully: knowynge that the
poore crieth, and the Lord heareth him,
and that the Lorde is the refuge and
strong hold of the poore, in time of neces-
sity, who hath his eares open, to heare
their complaintes, and is ready at hand
to help them and receiue theyr prayers.
God graunt that they murmure not at
Gods handyworke, in striking the litle
they had, but that they may say, with
blessed Iob, the Lord gaue it, the Lorde
hath taken his owne agayne, blessed be
his name for euer and euer. So shall
wee be Gods humble Children, bothe
riche and poore, embrasing his Rods of
correction, as meanes to amende our
liues. The riche forsaking their former
couetous vnmercifull grædinesse: The
poore learning to be more thankful and
Psal.144. faithful in stayng vpon Gods prouidēce
that God may restore vs from the hand
of straungers, whose mouthe talketh of
vanitie, and their right hande is a right
hande of falsehood: That our Sonnes
may be as the Plants growynge vp in
their youth; and our daughters as the

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polished corners of the Temple: That our countries may be full and abundant with diuers sorts, and that our sheepe may bring forth thousands, and tenne thousandes in our streetes: That our Oxen may be strong to labour, and that there be no inuasion, nor going out, nor decaying in our streetes, which blessings God will multiply vpon vs, if wee al will once begin to feare him, blessed are the people that are in such a case, yea blessed are we if the Lord be our God, his wonders make vs feare and obay him, his mercy make vs al to loue and serue him, through his Son, Iesus Christ, our only Sauiour. AMEN.

Math. 22.

Geue vnto Cæſar that which belongeth vnto Cæſar, and vnto God, that belongeth vnto God.

1. Peter. 2.

Submit your ſelf to all maner ordinance of man for the Lordes ſake: whether it be vnto the Kyng, as to the chief head, either vnto Rulers as vnto them that are ſent of him, for the punishment of euill doers, but for the praiſe of them that do well.

Deutro. 11.

He that obeyeth the voyce of God, is bleſſed, and he that obeyeth not is caſt of.

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great wonderfull ouerflowyngs of wa-
ters within this Realme of Englande,
wherby hath bẽn much losse of grounde
Cattell, Houses, and goods, to the vtter
vndooynge of a greate numbze of men,
beside the losse of the lines of many men
Women and Childzen, most lamenta-
ble to heare. Which was in the yeere
of our Lozde M. D. LXX.

Bedforde.

THE fift of October, aboute midnight, the Water ouerflowed so much, that men were fayne to forsake theyr Beddes, and one woman drowned. Where also were lost a greate number of Sheep, Oxen, Kine, Horse and other cattel. Amongst other there, one maister Cartwryte Gentleman, hauing his House inclosed rounde about, the water cam in so much, that

a Carte beyng loden with Thornes did swim aboute the grounde. He lost by the saine Floud, Sheep and other cattell, to the value of an C. poundes. The saime Gentleman had a close gate by the high wayes syde, where ỹ water ran ouer so extremely, that at the fal therof it made such an hole, that it was .xl. foote deep, so that no man could passe that way without great daunger. To the fillyng vp of the said Hole, or Pit, was cast in by the men of the said Towne xxv. loades of Fagots, and .xx. loade of Horse Doung, which said Fagots and Horse doung, filled not the hole.

Also one maister Lee at the Freers in Bedforde, hauinge a fayre yearde wherein was greate store of Elme trees, wherof .lx. were blowen down with the rootes pulled cleane out of the grounde. Also he had a close of Conies that were cleane destroyed.

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In the Countie of Norfolke.

THe Sea brake in betweene Wisbich, and Walsockenne, and at the Crosse keyes, drowning Tilney, and olde Linne, Sainct Mary Teding, S. Mary Tid, S. Johns, Walpole, Walton, and Walsocken, Emney, Jarmans, and Stowe bridg all being within the space of. x. Miles. At the Crosse keies the goodman of the Inne had built an house, with a strong Foundacion ioyning vnto an other House being olde and not so strong, wherin were certain Guests and when the water came in so violently the goodman of the house being in the stronger House, called the men out of the olde House, and they would haue gon downe the stayres, but the water was so high that they could not com down, wherfore they went

went back againe, and brake an hole into the other House, where they went thorow, and the last man was no sooner in: But the olde house fell downe. The Walles of the houses were broken downe, and the Horses that were tied at the Maunger, (which was made fast in ỹ grounde) did swim in the water, when the Stable was clene caried away, vntill the waters were aswaged, and were saued a liue, and ỹ people were constrained to get vp to the highest partes of the house, and to be caried away in Boates.

At Yermouth a greate parte of the Bridge was caried away.

The house vpon the Hauen, called the Hauen house, wherin was one Nicholas Iosselin, the Hauen man, and his sonne, with all their tooles was caried into the Marshes .vi. miles from the Hauen where it stode vpright where they continued long

time

time without meate or drinke.

Item at Jermans brig streete, was very much hurt doone, by extreme fluds that were there.

Item one Thomas Smith of Yarmouth lost a Ship, and .vii. men and a Boy in it.

Item, at Newarke by Yarmouth were lost .xii. Saile.

Item, a greate Hulke loden with Oyle and Pitche, was lost at Wozry Sand, and about .xx. men lost therin and .xxx. saued by the Hulke boate.

In the Bishoprike of Ely:

These townes and villages were ouerflowed, that is to say, Wisbich, Guyhorn, Parson, Drove, and Hobhouse. This Hobhouse being an almes house (and the water breaking down the Walls of it) the wind blew the clothes of from the bed of a poore

poore man and his wife, they beeinge a colde, awaked and sodenly stept out of his Bed to reache vp his Clothes, and stepte vp to the Belly in Water, and then he thinking himselfe to bee in daunger (as he was indeede) and he knowing the best way to escape the daunger of the Water, tooke his wife in his neck and caried her away and so were bothe saued.

In Stein in Wilshich was a Garden, a Wenlich play and a Bowlinge Alley walled about with yrck (which) was worthe .xx. li. by yeare to the owner) quite destroyed by the water.

Lincolne Shire.

IN Umby Chapel the whole Towne was lost except three houses. A Ship was taken vpon an house the Sayler thinking they had been vpon a Rock committed themselues to God, and three of the Mariners leapt

leapt out of the ship and chaunced to to take holde on the house top and so saued them selues: and the wife of the same lying in childe bed did clime vp into the top of the house, was also saued by the Marriners, her Husband & childe being both drowned.

Item the church was wholy ouerthrowne except the steeple.

Betweene Boston and Newcastle were.lx. Sea vessailes, as sinal ships Traires, and such like, lost vppon the Coastes of Boston, Hummerston, Marshchappell, Tetney, Stepney, Nercots, Kelby, and Grimsby, wher no ship can com in without a Pilate, which were all lost with goods, corn, and Cattel, with all the Salt cotes, where the chief and finest Salt was made, were vtterly destroyed, to the vtter vndooing of many a man, and great lamentacion bothe of olde and young.

Wentford Bridge being very strong

of viii. Arches in length, had iiii. of the Arches broken, and cleane caried away.

Maister Smith, at the Swanne, there had his house (being iii. stories high.) ouerflowed vnto the thyrde story, and the wals of the stable were broken down, and the horses tied to the Maunger, were all drowned.

Many men had great losse, aswell of sheepe, Kyne, Oxen, great Mares, Coltes, of the breed of the great horses, and other cattell innumerable, of which, the names of many of them shall here folow.

Maister Pellam lost. xi. C. sheep at Wunby Chapell.

In Sommercote were lost. v. c. sheep that were of the inhabitaunce there.

Item betweene Hummer ston, and Grimsby were lost. xi. c. sheep, of one maister Spencers, whose shepheard about midday comming to his wife, and asked his Dinner, and she being

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more bolde then mannerly, said hee should haue none of her, then hee chaunced to looke toward the Watches, where the sheep were, and saw the water breake in so fiercly that the sheepe would be lost, if they were not brought from thence, saide that hee was not a good shepheard, y would not venture his life for his sheep, and so went straight to driue them from thence: both he and his sheepe were drowned, and after the water being gon: he was found dead, standyng vpright in a ditch.

Maister Thimbleby, lost. CC. rr. sheepe.

M. Dimock, lost. cccc. sheepe.

M. Warch, lost. cccc. sheepe.

M. Wadilon. lost a ship.

M. William Alkugh of Kelsey, Lyr. Hugh Alkugh. M. Berin. M. Fitz Williams of Waplethorp, lost by estimacion. rr. M. of cattell one & other.

Boorn was ouerflowed to y mid-

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way of the height of the church. Steeping, was wholy caried away, where was a waine lode of Willowe toppes, the body of the Waine, with the Willowes, caried one way, and the Axiltree and Wheeles, an other way.

Huntington Shyre.

IN the Town of S. Eeds, ỹ water flowed into the Town in such aboundaunce, that it ran thorow the towne and the Church, being in the midst therof, hauing about the Churchyearde a Bricke wall, of two yeards hie, was so ouerflowed, that Boates were rowed ouer it without touching of the saine.

Item, a litle from Huntington, were three men riding, vppon the Causey being then ouerflowed (the water on the Causey beeing not deep, and thinking no daunger therin) chaun-

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eed to com into a place wher the water had gulled away the Earth, and the Grauell, were caried away with the water: and Willowes growing on both sydes the way two of them caught holde on the Willowes and left their Horses, and saued themselues, and the thyrd chaunced to catch a very litle twig of a Willowe, betweene his Fyngers, hauing very litle hold, and forsaking horse, which was caried a great way from him, had much paine to keep his hold on the twig, and holde his head aboue the water, and his Horse returning with force against the streame, came againe vnto him, and vnder him, by which meanes, he set his feete vpon him and gat better holde of the Willowe and so saued himselfe, and the Horse was immediatly caried away that he neuer saw him after.

Item, Holland, Leuerington, Newton, Chapell in the Sea, long Sut-

ton, and Holbich, were ouerflowed. And in this Country also was great losse of Cattell.

Stafford Shire.

IN the lowe parts in Woolland in a little towne called Cliffeeld there was a man, his wife, and a sucking childe in her armes, ouerwhelmed and slaine, by the violence of the waters, and the boisterous windes.

Warwick Shire.

THE Water, called Auen, that passeth by the Towne, called Stratford vpon Auen, did runne with suche violence, that meeting with the Water called the Siuerne, droue it backe .x. Miles, against the course ouerflowing much ground and drowning much Cattell.

Northampton Shire.

IN Newport town, were two houſes ouerthrowen - and in one of the an olde man, and an olde woman were ouerwhelmed and ſlain, and in the ſame Towne on the back ſyde of the Sarazins head, the water did ſpring out of ỹ hard grauelly ground and flowed ſo faſt that certayns Merchaunts (ſytting there at diner) were fayne to riſe and departe from thence to ſaue theim ſelues.

Buckingham Shyre.

SIR Henry Ley, Knight, loſt by the flouds of water the nuumber of .iii.M. ſheep, beſydes hoyſe and other Cattell a great nuumber.

Sussex.

IN the Wish at Rye, (a place so called,) the water came in so suddenly and flowed so hie, that the people were faine to clime vp, to the highest partes of theyr Houses, remaining there in great feare, vntill they were holpē by other men, which did fetch them, with Boates from their Windowes, and highest partes of theyr houses, who were glad to escape with sauing theyr liues, and losyng their goods.

The cheefe time, and spring of this Tide, was about midnight, wherby there was great losse of sheepe, and other cattel with out number, to the vtter vndoing of many a poore man, and great losse of many other, whose pitious case, is to be lamented.

At Rye, the water flowed so vehemently,

meatly, that it brake into the Marshes, & made such a way that where of late yeares, a small Vessel could not passe in at halfe floud, now a great Vessell may come in at lowe water, where also, is good Harborough for ships, not only to the greate commodity of all Saylers, that haue to do there: but also profitable to the most part of the inhabitants there.

Of those marshes, one maister Shepherd, was chiefe owner, who had many Poles, standyng in the same place, very meete for the dryng of their fyshing Nets, for the which he receiued money of them that dryed theyr Nets there, and although hee was payde for the same sufficiently inough, yet being not therwith contented, he gaue them warning that they should pay more money, or els they should no more hang their nets there, ỳ which (euen
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to passe by Gods ordinaunce, that they were by the flood that night, caried all away, so that his denizall, lost his Poles and saued their nets, to the great comfort of a great number, though it were contrary to the sayd owners expectacion and will.

Kent.

AT Broom hil, in Romney marsh, iiii. Miles from Rye, the water came in so outragiously, that it brake down the marsh walles, one maister Bury, being owner therof, who lost by the same a thousand one hundred threescore and two of his Sheepe, and it is thought that the marsh is neuer like to be gotten againe.

Item, at Erith breach, a Mariner riding by the Marshes, seeing two maides in the marshes, & perceiuing the

the waters breaking in so fast, that the Maides were not like to escape: rode vnto them, and one of them gat vp behind him, and the other tooke holde on the Horse taile, and by that were both saued from drowning.

In the same marsh, were drowned a great number of sheepe.

Item, there in a Marsh land that was sowen were two boyes keping Crowes, in the after noone, saw the water breking in so rashly, gat them vp into a cart, that was not far from them, where they were faine to tary vntil the next tide, which came in so boistrously, that it had like to ouerthrow both the Cart and the boies, and the one of thē being more strongerthen the other, kept the other in his armes, where he with cold, wet, and feare died, so that he was faine to let him fall from him into the mater, when he perceiued that he was past recouery.

A little from that place, were also drowned. M. of Sheepe, and many other Cattell.

Essex.

FRom a Towne called Raynam, vnto the town named Maldon, all along by the Water syde, were the Marshes all ouerflowen wherin were a great number of cattell drowned, to the great losse of many a man.

Suffolk.

IN Clay, were two Shippes laden with Danske Ware, came to shore with no man in them, nor any man can tell of whence they are.

In Clay, the dwellers there lost a verie great Parrell of Salt, and Herrings

rings, Barelled, beeing housed in an house Walled with Brick, three foot thicke, & yet the Wall was broken downe.

Also, ther was lost much Saffron ground, with many other thinges moe, to the great hindraūce of many a man.

Item, in Walderswick, Dunwich, and Blaybrooke, was great losse, of Boord, Planck, Timber, and Salt.

Oxford.

A Great parte of the Bridge, by Magdalen Colledge, was borne cleane away, and many Trees were turned vp by the roote.

WE Reade in the Sermons of Ieremie the Prophet, the 44. Chapter that Ieremie did labour to bring them from Idolatry which were fled into the Land of Egipt to Pathors, and declared what plagues and miseries God had laid vpon them, and would lay vpon them, til they were destroied vtterly. Which councel of the Prophet, they not onely little set by, but were with malice and extreame impudent madnesse so incensed, that they gaue a plaine answer to the Prophet. The wordes which thou hast spoken in the name of the Lorde vnto vs wee will not heare them: But we will do whatsoeuer thinge goeth out of our owne mouthe, as to burne incence to the Queene of Heauen, and to poure out Drinck offrings vnto her as we haue don, both we and our Fathers.

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our kinges, and our Princes, in the Cities of Iudah, and in the streates of Ierusalem: for then had we plentie of Victailes, and were wel and felt no euill, but synce wee left of to burn Incence to the Queene of Heauen, and to pour out the drinck offrings, before her, we haue had scarcenesse of all thinges, & haue been consumed by the sword, and by famine, which impudent aunswere, may be likened to the answer of our Egiptian Papists or Babilonicall Idolators (Which in times past, sang Salue Regina, and Regina Cœli letare, to the virgin Mary, whom Idolatrously they call the Queene of Heauen) To the Preachers of the Gospell of Iesus Christ, we heare your words that you speak in the name of the Lorde, but as for vs, wee will neuer beleeue them, but will be as wee haue been. Though wee cannot haue our Peevish Idolatry, and Apish Religion openly, yet

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woe wil in harts (vnrefourmed) sacrifise to ỹ Queen of Heauen, & say, Maria Mater gratia, Mater misericordia, tu nos ab hoste protege, in hora mortis suscipe: ỹ is, Mary thou mother of grace, and mother of mercy, in like case defend vs from our foes, wee pray, and take vs in our dying day. As al our blinde generacions haue done before vs, as our good holy Fathers, the Popes, haue taught vs from time to time, and as our Fathers, and good Catholike kinsfolks haue don, in the countreies of England, and the Cities of Britaine, and in the strectes of London, Caunterbury, Yorke, Bristowe, Sarisbury, Westchester & Norwiche and as our good Bretherne in Northumberlande, and Westmerlande, Ridsedale, and Tidsedale, and our friends of the Bishoprik of Durham, and our false folish fauourers of Fables in Suffolke, and Northfolke, of late haue done. Which wee if their

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quarters, gracious Queene of Heauen, did not more feare vs that hang on London gates, & diuers Towres & Trees in this countrey then either our obedience to God or Queene, doth moue vs) would euen now do also, as our fathers haue done before vs, for then when the Masse was vp, Images of blessed holy Saints, the holy Rood, and our Lady, sainct Thomas of Canterbury, & Saincte Fraunces, with his bloudy syde, and all the trimly trash, and peltinge paltrie, of that holy, holy, Whore of Rome, our mother holy Church, then had we a merry world, all things were plenty, wee had victailes and all things in abundance, and felt no ill, but synce this new fangled Religio, which they cal the gospel, which our fathers neuer knewe, (and yet were led to the Deuill well inough) was preached: wee haue had scarcitie of all things, and haue ben con-

tumed by Sword and famine, with
fyre and water, as now al men may
see by these great Fluds, which God
hath sente to plague them for their
Heresy, & because they haue despited
our old, auncient, & holy Churche, &
Religion y hath continued in wor-
ship this seuen or viii. hundreth yere
(& lelle) & haue brought in, this new
religion that began but in Paradise
and was deuised but the last day,
(when God before the Worlde was
made, in his euerlasting wisdome,
and good purpose, of meere knowe-
ledge thought it good.) Thus I say
do blind Idolaters make argumets,
esteeming Religion, by the belly, and
in steede of acknowledging Gods
workes, (which sendeth both plenty
and Dearth, Raine, and drie Wea-
ther, fludes, and dry land, Riches,
and pouerty, sycknes and health, at-
tributing all to theyr dome Idolles,
which are curied with their makers.

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and worshippers, but as Jeremie
sayde to the Egiptian Israelitish
Idolaters: so I might sai to our Ro-
maine Popish all Englishmen, the
Lord saw your perilli Idolatry and
in steede of plagues, gaue you much
abundance of mercie, which might
haue inooued you from Idolatry to
his trewe religion, but when he saw
your Impudencie and Whores fo-
heads, that would not repent, and
be ashamed of your bilish Idolatry
he plagued you, and Scourged you,
and that by many fearfull Bondes,
from which your Queene of Heauen
could not saue, nor all your Idolles
deliuer you, in the daies of your sayd
Sacrifice, when euery Church had
a Lady priest, euery Church a God
locst in a Box, in the middell of your
Idolatrie, were there not as great,
and greater plagues of warr felt as
now ther is laid vppon vs, that are
in the light of the Gospell? I must

needs confesse, to punish, as I haue
sayd in my Epistle, the lewde liuers
vnder the Gospell: yes verely. For
in the dayes of kyng Henry the viii.
I will not reape open what hath
happned before in older monuments,
when Gylloid Marsh in the countie
of Somerset here to fore, was drowned
with all the Cattell & sheep, a mount-
tyng to meruellous number, with
much of Chaynecourt Marsh, Kyte
Marsh, and the marshes of the Ile
of Oruene in Kent: when your queen
of Heauen could not saue them, but
that they were faine to fetch Hay-
stackes and Beanestarkes, to stop vp
Dammes, for feare of drowning all
the Country about, which time also
the country of Sealand was drow-
ned, from Armew to Dort, wher not
only sheepe and Oxen were lost, but
all that euer inhabited, within .xxx.
mile compas, yea wherin our Ladies
Preestes, our Ladies Pictures, yea

your

your Queene of Heauens Temples, your Alters and Fires, with your reall Gods, which innumerable wer all drowned, not beyng able to help themselues and their worshippers, but perished with bruit beasts, and the whole country, which shal neuer be recouered agayn. When also a-boute. xxxvii. yeere agon, there was such a Hayle, as slew both men and Cattell, and Corne beaten downe in the time of Hatuest, that notwithstanding Deruelgeihren the Welshmes Idol God, all ỹ Corne was destroyd beyng (redy to be reaped) in the eare on the grounde, and in many places of England, notwithstanding your Queen of Heauen, whom you serue in all blindenesse of Popery. There came such Rayne, by the space of. v. weekes, with such fearful Haile that all the Wheat, Barly, Beans, Otes, & other grayne, with Apples, peares and other fruits, were vtterly lost,

neuer

neuer reaped, Mowne, nor gathred, but rotten in the Earth, and beaten to Mooter with the showre. About which time also, all Plumsted Marshes here by Thames were drowned, which lye almost al wast til this day. Also in Queen Maries daies, when the Queen of Heauens sacrifices were agayne erected, why dyd she not saue Sandwich Marshes, & the Cattell and Treasure therein. Romney marshes, and the marshes of the Ile of Hartly: the Marshes of Herne and Whitstable. Beside the miserable Famin that God sent ouer all this land, when Wheat was at a French crowne a Bushell and many that could get neither Wheat nor Barly, nor Beans, were glad to eate Acorn breade, and many to sterue for lacke of Beans and Acorns: when Spanish Mules and Jades were fed with Wheat: beside the sword, and Robberies of Straungers, that

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the Queene of Heauen ſuffred hir worſhippers to be plagued with al, that rightly they might accuſe themſelues of ſuch vile ſinne as cauſed god to be angry, which alſo (and not our Religion) is ỹ cauſe (as theirs was) of our Fluds & other Rods of Gods correction to make holely to liue in ſo holy a Religion, bothe vpon the Papiſtes and Chriſtians, powred at this time by Gods Almighty hande on the Papiſts for theyr blindneſſe, on the loſe liued profeſſours of the Goſpel for their lewd conuerſation. God geue vs al grace truly to repent and by Jeſus Chriſte, ſo to ſeeke for Pardon, that for him and through him, all our ignorance, blaſphemie & Idolatrie, weakneſſe, lewdneſſe, and Hipocriſy, may be forgeuen in this world, that in the world to com wee may haue life euerlaſtyng. Amen

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